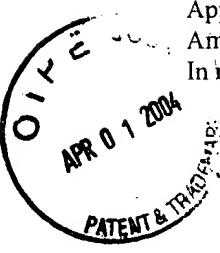


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New York, New York
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the October 2, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant has petitioned concurrently for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. With the extension, a response is due

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on or before April 2, 2004. A check in the amount of \$950.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.